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In re Application of:

Examiner: J. Seal

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENABLING SECURE ACCESS TO SERVICES IN A COMPUTER NETWORK

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

Sir:

Before consideration of the instant application, please make the following amendments and consider the following remarks, which are in response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 29, 2001. The statutory period for response is being extended by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time for two (2) months to June 29, 2001.

In the Claims:

Please add the following *NEW* claims 31-38:

31. A method, comprising:

receiving, as an advance communication, security information corresponding to one or more secured network services;

storing the security information at a location remote from a client;

receiving a client request from the client to access a secured network service; and

using the stored security information to enable the client access to the secured network service without requiring the client to supply the stored security information.